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SUBJ: SINO-INDIAN BORDER CLASH

REF: KATHMANDU 4791

1. AT 58TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION OF USSR ON 6 NOVEMBER DATT HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS AFP STORY RE BORDER CLASH IN THE NORTHWEST TRIBORDER AREA OF NEPAL/INDIA/TIBET WITH SEVERAL KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES. ROYAL NEPAL ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL GUNA SJB RANA TOLD DATT THAT IN REGARD TO THE AFP STORY THERE HAD BEEN RUMORS IN KATHMANDU IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE RNA HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT SUCH AN INCIDENT AND CONSEQUENTLY SENT A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE. THIS INVESTIGATION BETABLISHED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CLASH IN THAT AREA. BRIGADIER GENERAL RISHI KUMAR PANDEY OF THE OFFICE OF THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO HIS MAJESTY ALSO STATED THERE HAD BEEN NO BORDER INCIDENT OR CLASH IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF NEPAL AS ALLEGED IN THE AFP ARTICLE.

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2. PRC MILITARY ATTACHE, CHAO KUANG-CHIH, SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN AFP NEWS RELEASE FROM NEW DELHI. (PRC AMBASSADOR TSBX ALSO TOLD DATT THE NIGHT BEFORE AT ANOTHER FUNCTION THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN RELEASE.) HOWEVER, CHAO ADDED CLASHES ARE POSSIBLE IN REMOTE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE TRIBES MOVING BACK AND FORTH IN TRADE. ARMED KHAMPAS MIGHT TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION.

3. EMBASSY STILL SKEPTICAL MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE TIME FRAME AND LOCATION INDICATED IN THE AFP NEWS RELEASE. CARGO

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